

REMARKS

Support for the above amendment may be found throughout the application. For example, ¶61 of the application states that the hollow conductive member may be fixed. Also, Figure 6A shows a hollow conductive member attached at the distal end of a medical device.

Accordingly, no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

CONCLUSION


Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If it is determined that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 435712003521. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A medical device for applying energy to tissue, the medical device comprising:

an elongate member having a proximal portion and a distal portion;

a transducer assembly comprising

a covering having a proximal and distal end,

at least one transducer having at least a first and second pole,

a first conductive medium in contact with said first pole of said transducer and extending to at least a portion of an outer surface of said covering,

wherein said transducer assembly is located towards a distal end of said elongate member distal portion;

at least two conducting members extending through at least a portion of said elongate member, at least a first of said conducting members being electrically coupled to said first conductive medium, and a second of said conducting members extending through said proximal end of said covering and electrically coupled to said second pole of said transducer; and

a hollow conductive member located at the [a] distal end of said elongate member [outer sheath], said hollow conductive member [tube] electrically coupled to an [a] energy source.

Please add the following new claim to those on file.

31. (New) A medical device comprising:
an elongate member having a proximal section, a distal section and a distal end;

an ultrasonic transducer for generating and detecting ultrasonic signals,
said ultrasonic transducer positioned in said distal section;

an acoustically transmitting material distal to said ultrasonic transducer;
and

a hollow electrically-conductive member fixed at the distal end of the elongate
member, said electrically-conductive member circumferentially disposed about at least a portion
of said acoustically transmitting material.